

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed September 5, 2007 in the above-identified application, claims 1 – 3, 8 – 10, 13 and 14 were allowed. No action was taken with respect to withdrawn claims 4 – 7 and 11 – 12. Therefore, in this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312, withdrawn claims 4 – 7 and 11 – 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, allowed claim 13 is amended to delete a duplicative recitation of the term “polytetrafluoroethylene.” No new matter is presented herein. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment does not involve a reopening of prosecution and is therefore appropriate for approval and entry in an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. MPEP 714.16. Approval and entry of the foregoing amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

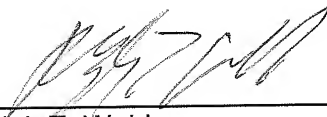
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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